

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A Method to measure and correct or adjust ~~the~~a sound signal presented to ~~the~~an eardrum by means of a hearing aid in its operational position, said hearing aid including at least one microphone, ~~(1)~~ at least one digital signal processing system comprising at least one digital signal processor ~~(2)~~ for transforming ~~the~~an incoming sound into a transformed signal in conformity with a desired transformation function, said hearing aid having at least one receiver ~~(3)~~ and a power supply, as well as at least one sensing means ~~(4)~~ for sensing the signal appearing in front of the eardrum, and at least one comparison means (5), ~~characterized by~~said method comprising the steps of:

A. establishing a model of ~~the~~an electroacounstic system comprising the ear and the hearing aid, said model simulating the actual sound signal in the ear canal in front of the eardrum, and storing said model in the hearing aid,

B. sensing the actual sound signal appearing in front of the eardrum, converting said sound signal into a digital representation and feeding it back to an input of the digital signal processing system,

C. comparing said digital representation of said sensed signal with said model in said comparison means ~~(5)~~ and, in case there is a material difference between the sensed signal and the model, ~~to generate~~generating an error signal for adjusting said model to the

actual sound environment in front of the ear-drum, and by further using said error signal to adaptively modify the process in said digital signal processor (2) by minimizing said error signal.

2. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of storing said model in a model processor (6) and using said material difference from said comparison as an error signal to adaptively modify said model in said model processor, updating said model to the actual sound environment in front of the eardrum.

3. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by wherein said~~ step of using said error signal to modify the process in said digital signal processor comprises using said material difference of the comparison as an error signal for a parameter adjustment processor (7) in said digital signal processing system for adjusting the process in said digital signal processor (2).

4. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of using said material difference from said comparison as an error signal for said parameter adjustment processor (7) to modify the model in said model processor.

5. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of using said material difference of said comparison as an error signal for

said parameter adjustment processor (7) to adjust the transformation parameters of said digital signal processor (2) and said model function in said model processor (6).

6. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of using said material difference from said comparison as an error signal for a process in a microphone signal correction processor (9) connected between said sensing means (4) and said comparison means (5).

7. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of using said material difference from said comparison as an error signal to modify the transformed signal ~~offrom~~ said digital signal processor (2) in a modification means (8).

8. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by further~~ comprising the step of using said at least one comparison means (5), said model processor (6) and said parameter correction processor (7) and ~~even the~~ said microphone signal correction processor (9) as at least parts of the electroacoustic model.

9. (Currently Amended) A Method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ using wherein said sensing means comprises a probe microphone ~~as said at least one sensing means (4).~~

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~M~~method according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~
~~using~~wherein said receiver (3) ~~is used~~ as said at least one sensing means (4).

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~H~~hearing aid including means to measure and correct or
adjust the sound signal presented to the eardrum in ~~its~~the operational position of said hearing aid,
said hearing aid including at least one microphone (1), at least one digital signal processing
system comprising at least one digital signal processor (2) for transforming ~~the~~an incoming
sound into a transformed signal in conformity with a desired transformation function, said
hearing aid further having at least one receiver (3) ~~and a power supply, as well as~~ at least one
sensing means (4) for sensing the sound signal appearing in front of the eardrum, and at least one
comparison means (5), ~~characterized in that~~wherein said signal processing system includes
processing and storing means (6) adapted to hold a model function of ~~the~~an electroacoustic
system comprising the ear and the hearing aid, thus; simulating the actual sound signal in front of
the eardrum, the said comparison means (15) ~~being adapted to compare~~comparing the signal
sensed in front of the ear drum with the said model function to generate at least one error signal
for adjusting said model to the actual sound environment in front of the eardrum, and
~~that~~wherein the digital signal processing system also contains modification means (7;8) for
effecting, in response to said at least one error signal, a modification of the output signal of the
digital signal processor (2) into a corrected transformed signal, ~~in case~~ when there is a material
difference between said sensed signal and said simulated model.

12. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid in accordance with claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said modification means ~~(8)~~ in said signal processing system is arranged to receive said at least one error signal from said comparison means ~~(5)~~ to modify said transformed signal.

13. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the modification means ~~(7; 8)~~ in said signal processing system contains a parameter adjustment processor ~~(7)~~ that is arranged to receive said at least one error signal from said comparison means ~~(5)~~ to adaptively modify the process in said digital signal processor ~~(2)~~.

14. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the modification means ~~(7; 8)~~ in said signal processing system contains a parameter adjustment processor (7) that is arranged to receive at least one error signal from said comparison means (5) to adaptively modify the process in said model processor.

15. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid in accordance with claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein the modification means ~~(7; 8)~~ in ~~that~~the signal processing system contains a parameter adjustment processor ~~(7)~~ ~~that is~~ arranged to receive said at least one error signal from said comparison means ~~(5)~~ to adaptively modify the process in said digital signal processor ~~(2)~~ and in said model processor ~~(6)~~.

16. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid in accordance to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein a microphone signal correction processor (9) is provided between said sensing means (4) and the comparison means (5), said processor (9) being arranged to receive said at least one error signal from said comparison means (5) to adaptively modify the process in said microphone signal correction processor (9).

17. (Currently Amended) A Hhearing aid according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~wherein at least one comparison means (5), said model processor (6) containing a parameter correction processor (7) and ~~even~~ said microphone signal correcting processor (9) are at least parts of ~~the~~said electroacoustic model.